

Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd

ACN 063 293 514

COMMITTED TO CONSERVATION AND INTEGRITY IN SPORTFISHING
SINCE 1967



ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

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PREFACE

History of ANSA.

ANSA originated as result of fishing developments following the war, an increasing number of anglers started using modern tackle mainly bait casting rods and reels imported from the U.S., for bass, barramundi and for surfcasting. Developments are reflected clearly in magazines of the period. (Outdoors was first published in 1948, Anglers Digest in 1950).

There was an increasing recognition that the sporting value of many Australian species was not reflected in existing organisations.

From 1960 forward, a number of people had thought of the idea of a new sportfishing organisation. I do not know who was "first" to think of it but I do know that it was discussed for quite a few years by Sydney anglers and people such as myself - a country boy. I can put a finger on one such discussion, held on the roadside just south of Kiama, between myself, Jack Erskine and Ed Pratt. That was January 1964 during my first round Australia trip. I had started my exploration of Australian fishing on July 1 1963. The next couple of years, after repeated visits, I had realised that North Queensland offered the most potential for a fishing future. Others such as George Bransford had decided the same way.

I built my home in Cardwell in 1966, with the bricklaying being done by my friend Ed Pratt, who had moved north to Cairns about the same time. The ANSA concept was understood by a number of Cairns anglers, and I believe its success came because it reflected what was happening to Australian fishing. It could not have succeeded otherwise.

In February 1967 we formed the "Australian National Sportfishing Association" at a meeting in the old hall at Yorkey's Knob, just north of Cairns.

Within a few months a constitution had been drawn up and an account opened in the Cairns branch of the Bank of NSW in the name of the "Australian National Sportfishing Association" It is worth a mention that the late Wal Hardy was patron of that initial organisation.

Dick Lewers recorded that the NSW group "got the message" of the Cairns movement and responded by forming what was then the NSW division of ANSA on Saturday August 12 1967.

Three months later, in November 1967, Jack Erskine and Clyde Kelton with three NSW sport fishermen from Wollongong, John Kettle, Peter Fuller, and Bill Ferguson visited North Queensland in a light plane. Discussions took place with the Cairns group and the accepted name of ANSA was endorsed by both groups. However, it had already become clear that the NSW fraternity would not accept the Cairns constitution. Then, as now, State Divisions (branches) were more representative of regional interests. Accordingly, the Cairns ANSA group met on February 7 1968 and became instead the Cairns Sportfishing Club.

At this time there was no Queensland Division as such, however Dick Lewers and the National Organisation have always recognised that the Cairns Sportfishing Club has the unique distinction of being the first ANSA club.

The first NSW ANSA club was the St. George Sportfishing club, which had its first general meeting on November 13 1968. On December 13 1969 the first official body was formed as the "Australian National Sportfishing Association". The original A.N.S.A. badge design was selected from a competition published in "AUSTRALIAN SPORTFISHING", Summer edition 1969. The winning design was submitted by John Renolds, Liverpool, NSW.

It was agreed to form the first record chart from the then existing Queensland and N.S.W. record charts. ANSA's first official Queensland division was formed on August 5 1970 with only three clubs - Cairns, Maryborough, and Cardwell, with a State total of 150 members.

So far as ANSA goes the story since has been one of steady growth. We now have more than 200 clubs Nation wide. We are represented on every State fishing council, at Federal level, and on IGFA. Looking back we can see that the hassles over constitutions and rules, even point scores, were part of the process of developing sportfishing on a truly representative and wholly Australian basis.

One of the nicest thoughts is that many of those people who contributed to the forming of the association are still with us today.

Vic McCristal

The talk on the previous page was given by Vic at a Queensland State wide meeting held in Cairns, (1988).



NATIONAL BOARD 2022 – 2023

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Chairman | Vacant |
| Executive Director (Acting Chairman) | John Burgess |
| Business Director | Joe Garufi |
| Membership Director | Joe Garufi |
| Financial Director | Trish Wloch |
| Research & Development Director | Vacant |
| National Masters Keeper | Simon Green |
| National Recorder (Line Class) | Phil Turner |
| National Recorder (Trophy Length Only) | Ken Johnson |
| National Safety Officer | Stan Konstantaras |

MEMBER BRANCHES

New South Wales
Northern Territory (Defunked)
Queensland
South Australia
Tasmania
Victoria
Western Australia

LIFE MEMBERS

| | | |
|------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1979 | *Eric Moller | Queensland |
| 1980 | *Vic McCristal | Queensland |
| 1982 | John O'Sullivan | Queensland |
| 1983 | *Dick Lewers | New South Wales |
| 1983 | *Pat Hunter | New South Wales |
| 1983 | *Hank Newman | New South Wales |
| 1983 | *Alex Blair | Victoria |
| 1983 | *Robert Dunn | New South Wales |
| 1984 | Mick Dohnt | Queensland |
| 1984 | *Geoff Hawkins | New South Wales |
| 1984 | Bill Glasson | Victoria |
| 1992 | Steve Theofanes | Queensland |
| 1992 | Ron Poole | Queensland |
| 1992 | Joe Leonard | Victoria |
| 1992 | Tom Mohr | Victoria |
| 1992 | *Les Brown | South Australia |
| 1995 | Nik Phizacklea | Victoria |
| 2001 | Bill Harvey | New South Wales |
| 2006 | John Burgess | New South Wales |
| 2007 | Bill Sawynok | Queensland |
| 2007 | Stan Konstantaras | New South Wales |
| 2021 | Joe Garufi | New South Wales |

*Deceased

National Executive Director's Report (Acting Chairman)

Its great to see life back to normal for most of us but it is still going to take some time before we fully recover from the impacts of extreme weather, pandemics and a global financial crisis which have plagued the nation over recent years.

On reviewing the 2022/23 year it is regrettable but understandable that many of our longstanding clubs have not been able to weather the combination of these unfortunate events. This is not a problem unique to any one state as most state branches of ANSA are experiencing similar challenges as are other recreational fishing peak bodies. Hopefully there will be opportunities to bring these clubs back into the ANSA fold now that the popularity of recreational fishing has bounced back and the hardships of the past few years now seemingly behind us.

ANSA National and most branches did concessionally reduce their membership fees to assist clubs cope with Covid financial impacts but this concession ended last year. The National Executive is mindful that some clubs and branches are still doing it tough and stand ready to do whatever it can to assist branches and clubs over these challenging times.

Fortunately our opportunities to go fishing and the general state of our fisheries have not been unduly affected by these events and by all accounts the fishing tackle, boating and camping trade sectors are experiencing a boom time with so many of us wanting to spend more leisure time outdoors with family and friends enjoying the healthy life style of being at one with nature.

According to the recently released "National Social and Economic Survey of Recreational Fishers" around one in five Australians goes fishing at least once a year. In fact the number of people who go fishing has increased from around 3.4 mill in 1999/2000 to 4.2 mill over 2020. Australians spend an estimated 28 million days fishing each year and contribute over \$11 billion to the national economy and keep over 100,000 in jobs. From a social licence perspective 61% of all Australians felt recreational fishing was a very acceptable activity and another 8.1% found it moderately acceptable. Only 8.2% felt it was unacceptable and another 12.7% were unsure.

Against this background of more recreational fishing it is surprising that the number of record and master claims and meritorious captures submitted over 2022/23 continues to decline and only a very small number of members are submitting claims. Maybe it's just that record captures are harder to make these days or maybe some species are more elusive and tighter fishing regulations are all having an impact - or is it more than that. This is an issue ANSA National and the Branch network need to have a think about.

The challenge for ANSA across the nation is to continue on its pathway of rebuilding club and member numbers and to provide more appeal to existing and potential members.

There is no quick fix or silver bullet for making this happen but the opportunities are obviously there and we need to think outside the box as to how we react to these opportunities, in particular to generate more appeal to the younger generation of recreational fishers of being part of an ANSA club.

Also given the social and economic value of recreational fishing to the nation and its member states it is evident that more recognition must be given to the sector by government at all levels and our value properly measured when making policy which impacts directly or indirectly upon recreational fishing. It is up to all of us as individuals to get this message across to all within the broad circle of government to give recreational fishers a fairer go.

Of current concerns nationally are proposals for offshore wind power generation and gas extraction and potential related impacts upon fishing access and the marine environment. The issue of fish pain and condemnation of capture and release practice and the use of live baits continue to build momentum and this level of extreme conservation is now expanding its focus to include commercial fishing, invertebrates and farming practices.

We need to be on guard to preserve and enhance our environmental social licence by doing more to better look after our marine environment. There are opportunities for ANSA members to get more involved with fish habitat rehabilitation activities with bodies such as Ozfish who are always looking for new partners to jointly undertake rehabilitation projects. This is great way to build on the social licence of recreational fishing and to make a positive and meaningful difference to our marine environment as well as interacting with like minded individuals who could be potential club members. If you want to know more about Ozfish visit the website (info@ozfish.org.au) or get in touch with me direct.

An important date to keep aside is Gone Fishing Day usually held over the 2nd weekend of October. This is a national event conceived by the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) and supported by most State Fishery agencies and the Tackle industry. Its worth throwing your weight behind this national annual event which has strong public support and presents a great opportunity to promote club fishing activities and advance the many social economic and health benefits of recreational fishing. This is another opportunity to promote your club and ANSA.

Financially, ANSA National is in a sound position. Our cash reserves did take a \$10k hit over the period of Covid and are now recovering as a consequence of the restoration of pre Covid membership fees. ANSA is budgeting to achieve a modest surplus of \$920 over the 2023/24 based on a slight increase in membership fee revenue and improved interest earnings on its term deposit. On the expenditure side we have built in a provision to cover the cost of a face to face meeting over 2024 and potential reprinting of the Rule Book. The National executive will endeavour to improve this surplus by lifting revenue and containing expenses where possible.

Finally I would take this opportunity to acknowledge and express my gratitude for the support provided by my colleagues on the National executive and to those branch committee members and their affiliated club members who are the back bone of ANSA.

Regards



John Burgess.
Executive Officer/ Director. ANSA National Ltd.
Vice President. ANSA NSW.

National Finance Director's Report

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ACN 063 293 514
FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2023 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

- a) The Association traded at a surplus of \$5227 for the 2022/23 year. This was an improvement on the budgeted surplus of \$1200 and a turn around on the deficit of \$3966 incurred over 2021/22.
- b) Income over the 2022/23 year of \$14316 was ahead of budget forecast of \$11850. Member affiliation fees \$11747 were ahead of budget \$11000 and well ahead of fee revenue of \$4774 generated over 2021/22. This revenue improvement was due to cessation of the 50% membership fee concession provided over the Covid lockdown and a slight recovery in membership numbers. Bank interest of \$428 was well above budget \$50 due to the lift in deposit rates over the last qtr of 2022. Web advertising revenue \$220 was slightly below budget of \$300. and ANSA Ware sales of \$1921 were well above budget \$500.
- c) Expenditure over the 2022/23 year was \$9089 as compared to budget \$10650. Main variances to budget were savings on travel expenses \$0 (budget \$1000), conference fees \$0 (budget \$1000), ANSA Promotion \$0 (budget \$500), donations/tributes \$0 (budget \$200) and records/masters expenses \$40 (budget \$400).
- d) The Association at year end 30 June 2023 possessed total assets of \$91858 (\$86631@ 2022) consisting of cash at bank \$13774, term deposit \$72102, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$5585 and accrued but unpaid interest \$397. Overall the company had a net equity of \$91858 at 30 June 2023.
- e) A financial budget forecast for the 2023/24 year is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a surplus of \$920. This modest surplus is predicated on income for the coming year of \$16600 which is above last year's revenue of \$14316 mainly as a consequence of an ongoing recovery in membership numbers and a sustained appetite for ANSA Ware. Ongoing elevated interest rates on term deposits should generate some \$2800 over 2023/24 as compared to modest interest earnings over recent years. Expenditure of \$15680 is forecast for 2022/23 which is well above last year's spend of \$9089. Major expenses include \$4000 for travel and accomodation - this expenditure relates to a proposed face to face meeting of the national executive and branch delegates sometime over the first half of 2024 - no travel and accomodation expenditure has been incurred since 2019/20. A \$2000 allowance has been made for possible reprinting of the ANSA Rule book should this be necessary as a consequence of any rule changes that might arise out of the rule review to be conducted over 2023/24.

The executive will endeavour to improve on the projected surplus by lifting revenue and containing expenses wherever possible.



Patricia Wloch

Finance Director

15 September 2022

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

Likely developments in the operations of the Company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company or there is considered limited or no impact likely upon the Company from any likely developments.

Environmental Regulations

The Company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Officer, Auditor or Accounting Reviewer Indemnification

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer, auditor or reviewer of the Company.

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibilities on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings. The Company was not a party to any such legal proceedings during the year.

Audit and Reviewer Independence

The directors note the attached annual independence declaration provided by the Company's external accountant reviewer.

The reviewer's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been received.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



John Burgess

Director

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd declare that:

- (a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2023 and performance for the year ended on that date of the Company;
- (b) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (d) we are not aware of any circumstances at the date of this declaration that would render any particulars included in the financial report to be misleading or inaccurate.

When signed this directors' declaration is made as a formal company resolution approved by the directors.



John Burgess

Director

REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

REVIEW OPINION FRAMEWORK AND DISCLOSURE

The Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd (the Company) is an incorporated not-for-profit sporting entity with liabilities limited to the member guarantee. Due to Commonwealth law reform that deals with the reporting obligations of the Company, an independent audit is not required. The Company's Board of Directors are, however, required to commission a **review opinion** on the Company's annual financial report using the services of a qualified public accountant. This requirement is driven by the Company's constitution.

This disclosure statement outlines the framework of the **review opinion** and it provides information to assist the members with their understanding of the **review opinion** and the independence declaration that follows this disclosure statement.

The report of the Company is drafted by the Board of Directors. The directors of the Company are legally responsible for reviewing, finalising and approving the Company's financial report. The directors are also both responsible for the information contained in the report and ensuring that it meets the information needs of the members of the Company, within the reporting requirements of the law.

The public accountant provides a professional **review opinion** on the Company's report. The review is based on many of the principals of an audit, but it is not an independent audit, and it must not be relied upon as being an independent audit. The Company is not a public interest entity and so the review can take place, in accordance with professional standards and the law, notwithstanding that the reviewer's Firm may assist with the preparation of the Company's accounting records and the drafting of the Company's report.

The reviewer's accounting Firm is obligated to act in accordance with the ethical rules of a registered Chartered Accountancy firm and the review opinion provided must be accurate. There is a legal obligation upon the Firm and its Principal to conduct a proper review and report accurately to the members of the Company. The accounting firm has segregated roles such that the accounting and tax review teams are separate from the review opinion team.

This notwithstanding, the members of the Company may also wish to commission an independent audit by a registered company auditor. Should any Company member so wish this then the Company's board has agreed to put the request to the Company members at a properly convened general meeting.

Furthermore, any member, or any interested party with a valid reason, is free to inspect the accounting records of the Company upon proper notice being given in writing to the Company's board.

The independence declaration on the next page and the review opinion following on the pages after that, are made on the basis of this **review opinion framework and disclosure** statement.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

REVIEWER'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

Subject to the limitations of the review opinion framework and disclosure statement set out on the previous page, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, and during the year ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

1. No contraventions of the independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.



Mark Antony Guest

Chartered Accountant

REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Reviewer's Report to the Members of the
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

Review opinion on the financial report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report (pages 8 to 14), being a special purpose financial report, of the Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd (the Company), which comprises the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows, notes to the financial report and the directors' declaration (page 3), for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 / ACNC Act, the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Reviewer's responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described; I have become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001/ ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001. ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my review, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 with limitations, as is stated in my independence declaration.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Conclusion on the financial report

Based on my review I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report of the Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and I believe that the financial report:

- Gives a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023;
and
- Complies with Australian Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001 to the extent outlined in Note 1 of the financial report.



Mark Antony Guest

Chartered Accountant

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

| | Note | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|--------|---------------|----------------|
| Revenue from Ordinary Activities | | | |
| Affiliation Fees | Note 1 | 11,747 | 4,774 |
| ANSA Ware Sales | | 1,921 | 220 |
| Interest Received | | 428 | 36 |
| Web Sponsorship | | 220 | 220 |
| Total Revenue | | 14,316 | 5,250 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Peak Body Subscriptions | | 1,100 | 1,599 |
| Postage & Stationary | | 1,059 | 1,019 |
| Insurance | | 401 | 384 |
| Phone & Internet Expenses | | 1,123 | 1,147 |
| Website Expenses | | 2,417 | 1,120 |
| Records & Masters Expenses | | 40 | 1,769 |
| Computer Upgrades & Supplies | | 0 | 400 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | Note 3 | 1,132 | 105 |
| ASIC Fees | | 363 | 306 |
| Trademark | | 0 | 500 |
| Review/Audit Fees | | 904 | 867 |
| Scale Verification | | 550 | 0 |
| Angel Ring Project Expenses Paid | | 0 | 2,519 |
| Angel Ring Project Grant Allocated | | 0 | (2,519) |
| Total Expenditure | | 9,089 | 9,216 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) Before Income Tax | | 5,227 | (3,966) |
| Income Tax Expense | Note 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) After Income Tax | | 5,227 | (3,966) |

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

| | Note | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash | Note 5 | 13,774 | 7,843 |
| Term Deposit | | 72,102 | 72,066 |
| Inventory | | 5,585 | 6,717 |
| Receivables – Interest | | 397 | 5 |
| Total Current Assets | | 91,858 | 86,631 |
| Non Current Assets | | | |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Assets | | 91,858 | 86,631 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| Non Current Liabilities | | | |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Liabilities | | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | 91,858 | 86,631 |
| Member's Equity | | | |
| Retained Earnings (Page 12) | | 91,858 | 86,631 |
| Total Member's Equity | | 91,858 | 86,631 |

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Receipts from Operations | | 13,888 | 5,214 |
| Payment to Suppliers | | (7,957) | (15,037) |
| Interest Received | | 36 | 36 |
| Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities | Note 6 | 5,967 | (9,787) |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash held | | 5,967 | (9,787) |
| Add opening cash | | 79,909 | 89,696 |
| Rounding | | 0 | 0 |
| Closing Cash | | 85,876 | 79,909 |

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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STATEMENT OF CHANGE TO EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

| | Note | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|-------------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Retained Earnings at 1 July | | 86,631 | 90,597 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) for the period | | 5,227 | (3,966) |
| Retained Earnings at 30 June | | 91,858 | 86,631 |

The Statement of Change to Equity is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Directors and members of the Company. The Directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity, however, it is a sporting entity with legal and community obligations.

The financial report is, unless otherwise stated, prepared on an accrual basis using the historical cost of transactions. It does not take into account changing money values or except where specifically stated, the current valuations of non-current assets.

Membership fees are recognised on a cash received basis.

The Company recognises other assets and income when it has legal title or interest in the applicable asset or income.

Auditor review fees are recognised when the accountant's review fee is paid or when the review is complete and thus the fee is payable.

The Company recognises liabilities and expenses when there is a legal obligation to pay the applicable liability or expense.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB1031: Materiality

AASB110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

No other Accounting Standards, Urgent Issue Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Note 2 – Registration Address

The registered office of the Company is 6 Byrne Crescent Maroubra NSW 2035.

Note 3 – Cost of Goods Sold

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Opening Inventory 1 July 2022 | 6,717 |
| Add, Purchases | 0 |
| Less, Closing Inventory 30 June 2023 | 5,585 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | <u>1,132</u> |

NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 4 – Income Tax

The Company is exempt from paying income tax due to it being a not-for-profit mutual entity and a sporting entity that organises and encourages sports fishing.

Note 5 – Cash

| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ANZ Business Classic 1063 | 15,514 | 9,171 |
| Add, Un-deposited Funds | 91 | 148 |
| Less, Un-presented Cheques | (1,831) | (1,476) |
| Term Deposit | 72,102 | 72,066 |
| Total Cash | 85,876 | 79,909 |

Note 6 – Cash Flow Information

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions and is net of bank overdrafts.

| Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities after income tax: | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Operating surplus / (deficit) after Income Tax | 5,227 | (3,966) |
| <i>Non-cash flows in the surplus or deficit from ordinary activities:</i> | | |
| Changes in Assets and Liabilities | | |
| <i>(Increase) / decrease in inventory</i> | 1,132 | (3,302) |
| <i>(Increase) / decrease in receivables</i> | (392) | 0 |
| <i>Increase / (decrease) in liabilities</i> | 0 | (2,519) |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | 5,967 | (9,787) |

Note 7 – Directors' Opinion

In the opinion of the directors, the Company did not have any contingent liabilities at 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022 – None).

Note 8 - Events Subsequent to Balance Date

Other than items already recognised in the financial report, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely in the opinion of the Directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

End of financial report

**Reconciliation of trading results to budget for year ending 30.6.2023
Budget forecast for 2023/24 financial year**

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | <u>2023/24</u> | <u>2022/23</u> | <u>2021/22</u> | <u>2022/23</u> | <u>2021/22</u> | <u>2021/22</u> | <u>2020/21</u> | <u>2020/21</u> |
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| Branch affiliation fees | 12000 | 11000 | 11747 | 6000 | 4774 | 6000 | 5010 | |
| ANSA Ware Sales | 1500 | 500 | 1921 | 700 | 220 | 700 | 624 | |
| Bank Interest | 2800 | 50 | 428 | 150 | 36 | 500 | 137 | |
| Web Advertising | <u>300</u> | <u>300</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>300</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>300</u> | <u>440</u> | |
| Total Income | <u>16600</u> | <u>11850</u> | <u>14316</u> | <u>7150</u> | <u>5250</u> | <u>7500</u> | <u>6211</u> | |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals | 4000 | 1000 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 3000 | 0 | |
| Recfish membership | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| IGFA Membership | 280 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 499 | 0 | 0 | |
| ARFF membership | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | |
| Other Memberships | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | |
| Auditor fees | 900 | 900 | 904 | 900 | 867 | 1000 | 875 | |
| Insurance | 400 | 400 | 401 | 400 | 384 | 500 | 366 | |
| Website | 1500 | 2700 | 2417 | 200 | 1120 | 200 | 141 | |
| Phone /internet | 1200 | 1200 | 1123 | 1200 | 1147 | 1400 | 1117 | |
| Bank fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Post/ Stationery | 1200 | 1200 | 1059 | 1500 | 1019 | 2500 | 1173 | |
| Records/ Masters expenses | 300 | 300 | 40 | 1700 | 1769 | 300 | 0 | |
| ASIC Fees | 400 | 400 | 363 | 500 | 306 | 300 | 438 | |
| Depreciation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Cost of goods sold | 700 | 400 | 1132 | 3000 | 105 | 500 | 265 | |
| Sundries - Angel Ring National Project | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2519 | 1000 | 0 | |
| Computer Upgrade/ supplies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 0 | 0 | |
| ANSA Promotion | 500 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | |
| Trade Mark Registration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0 | |
| Line Tester Service | 0 | 550 | 550 | 300 | 0 | 300 | 0 | |

| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2023/24 | 2022/23 | 2022/23 | 2021/22 | 2021/22 | 2021/22 | 2020/21 | 2020/21 |
| Rule Book printing | 2000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conference Fees | 1000 | 1000 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 |
| Donations/Tributes | 200 | 200 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 15680 | 10650 | 9089 | 14500 | 11735 | 15000 | 15000 | 5475 |
| Net profit/(Loss) | 920 | 1200 | 5227 | -7350 | -6485 | -7500 | -7500 | 736 |
| Adjust for Angel Ring Project income/ expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2519 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Profit/ (Loss) after adjust for Angel Ring Project | 920 | 1200 | 5227 | -7350 | -3966 | -7500 | -7500 | 736 |

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total overall membership at the year ending 30.6.2023 was hovering just under 3000 members nationally. Our overall membership is trending up and hopefully this coming financial year we will see the membership surpass 3000.

Branch census and membership forms are very important. Completing the census form correctly and receiving the quarterly membership by the due dates for each quarter is essential. To date all branch census forms have been received and our contact email database has been updated. I urge all States to update their committee contact details for the coming financial year (2023/2024) and get these details to me urgently. It is imperative that a new census form be completed and submitted to ANSA National. This ensures the flow of information is reaching the desired contacts in each State. Membership form submissions by most States as a whole have not been received for the first quarter of the 2023/2024 year and were due on the 31st October 2023. The States are urged to get returns in on time. If there are Branches that need any sort of assistance each quarter, please contact me and collectively we can work things out.

If you are not receiving ANSA National information please contact me and I can sort this out with you or your Branch or Club.

Promotion of ANSA at a National, Branch and Club level is a high priority, particularly as a means of sourcing new members. ANSA National has its high quality promotional brochures. These brochures have been available for some time now. The brochures can be tailored to suit the unique needs of individual Branches and Clubs. The brochures are available free to Branches and Clubs upon request. Contact me if you require a supply.

Other promotional material such as ANSA ware is still available and is moving ahead in leaps and bounds since the inception of online purchases and payments. ANSA National has plenty of stock so ensure your members know this. It's just another way your State or Clubs within your State can promote ANSA. There is plenty of stock of approved ANSA brag mats. All your ANSA ware can be purchase online by simply visiting the "ANSA Shop" on our website at www.ansa.com.au/shop/. No more forms or cheques.

Remember, ANSA ware can be used to promote ANSA and your club and serve as an effective membership recruitment tool. Prices are very reasonable across the entire product range.

ANSA National's website is traveling well. The website address is www.ansa.com.au.

The ANSA National facebook page is active and has some 1199 likes. This is slightly more likes than this time last year (1115 likes). If you haven't like the ANSA National Facebook page, please do. Make sure you promote the ANSA National Facebook page amongst your member clubs. The page itself hits thousands of Facebook walls and is just another way ANSA is ensuring current information and events can be communicated to its members nationally, whilst raising the interests of those who are not yet ANSA members. Visit the ANSA National Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ANSA.National.



Joe Garufi
Business Director
ANSA National

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

During the 2022 – 2023 season 20 Australian Line Class Records have been claimed and awarded. Once again, special congratulations to the Nichol Bay SFC for their great effort in obtaining so many Australian Records and in promoting juniors and sub-juniors in their club.

| Year | Australian Records |
|---------|--------------------|
| 2018-19 | 47 |
| 2019-20 | 36 |
| 2020-21 | 32 |
| 2021-22 | 23 |
| 2022-23 | 20 |



Records per State

| | |
|------|----|
| WA. | 14 |
| NSW. | 5 |
| Vic. | 1 |

Mia Grasso Golden Trevally
6.5kg on 6kg SJS

Emily Leech Gold Spot
Trevally 1.88kg on 3kg
SJG

Paul Cooper
E Carp
2.68kg on 2kg H

Most successful clubs:

Nichol Bay SFC- W.A. - 14 Australian Records

Most successful anglers:

Mia Grasso - 5 Sub-Junior Australian Records

Paul Cooper – 4 Senior Australian Records

Mick Grasso – 3 - Senior Australian Records



| Division | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Senior | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub-Junior | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Jessica Hornhardt
Golden Trevally
11.26kg on 15kg JG

Chloe Hornhardt
Blue Marlin
102.1kg on 37kg G



Max Grasso Bludger Trevally
3.55kg on 3kg JF



Anthony DiSanto Chinook Salmon
2.205kg on 2kg SJS



Mick Grasso Golden Trevally
7.4kg on 6kg F

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records in 2022-23.

Phil Turner

ANSA National Line Class Records.

National Recorder's Report (Trophy Length Only)

2023/24 was another quite year with only 11 Record claims being awarded . Of these record captures only 50 % were returned to the water alive which is less than we would prefer given our commitment to catch and release under this record category and our conservation ethos. Records were awarded for captures made only in Queensland and South Australia - other states need to try a bit harder.

Queensland with 10 Records - Sub Junior 4, Junior 3 and Senior 3.

South Australia 1 Senior.

Some notable captures for the season were, Rohan Bayley a junior from the Bundaberg SFC with a Spanish Mackerel of 1400 mm Captured at Bargara Qld.
Simon Green from the Northern District Sportfishing Club SA with an 880 mm Western Blue Groper taken from Wedge Is SA.

Ken Johnson from the Bundaberg SFC with a 930 Giant Sea Catfish captured at the back of Hinchinbrook Is Qld.

Rebecka O'Connor with a Sickie fish of 480 mm taken out of the Kolan river Qld.



Rohan Bayley with his Spanish Mackerel of 1400



Ken Johnson with his 930 mm Giant Sea Catfish



Rebecka O'Connor with a 420 Sickie fish



Simon Green with his Blue Groper of 880.

With the new season upon us and Covid behind, I hope all members are able to get out on the water and catch their Trophy fish. Good luck and tight lines

Ken Johnson
National Trophy Length Recorder
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National Masters Keeper Report

I hope that this report finds you all safe and well. This year, on the Master Keeper front, it has been a little quiet compared to previous years. What was lacking in quantity though, was well and truly made up for by the quality of Masters fish. This year we had only 8 Masters claims submitted compared to 14 Masters claims in 2021-22 and 23 claims in 2020-21. This decrease is slightly concerning and it would be great to turn it around and get back towards the 20 claim mark each year. This year I'm going to raise more awareness around the Masters process within our clubs and members, in the hope of boosting the claims up.

This year of the 8 Masters claims only Queensland (with 7) and South Australia (with 1) were represented. It's no surprise that Helen Johnson from Bundaberg Sportfishing Club scooped the pool yet again with 5 claims, followed by Nelson Philips, also from Bundaberg Sportfishing Club, with 2 claims and then Paul Wolfendale from Northern Districts Sportfishing Club had one claim.

Paul's Masters claim was for his 10 trophy length Bight Redfish / Nannygai. Nelson scored his first 10 trophy length Australian Bass and then followed it up with his 20 trophy length Australian Bass six months later. Well done on your achievements.

Helen Johnson scored her 50 trophy length Javelin Fish which is a great achievement. Without doubt, Helen must have been fishing hard for Saratoga this year and it shows in her Masters claims. Helen has claimed her 70, 80, 90 and then 100th trophy length Saratoga. The 70th was caught on 3rd of March 2022 and the milestone 100th was caught on the 27th of February 2023. What a fantastic achievement it is to reach 100 trophy length Saratoga and going through the records, I can not find anyone else who has reached a 100 of any species trophy length, so congratulations Helen on the milestone and I'm now looking forward to what is next on your list.

I always look forward to new claims coming through and seeing what people have achieved, so please get them through to me. I hope that we all have a great fishing year with plenty of Masters claims crossing my desk.





Simon Green
Master Keeper
ANSA National

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ANSA New South Wales Report

It was great to see us all out and about fishing again as ANSA NSW members and Clubs. I watched with great interest what our clubs have been up to and the great catches their members made in 2022/2023. It was great to see the Conventions up and running like the old days, well at least like they were 3 and 4 years ago.

The Clubs that hosted these conventions went out of their way to promote the ANSA NSW ethos which was great to see.

The images below sum up what it's all about;



This also got me thinking about fishing as a sport or Sportfishing under the ANSA banner so I did what any one else would and asked Chat GTP!

Q: Fishing as a Sport

A: Here are some points highlighting the reasons why fishing is considered a popular sport:

1. **Skill and Technique:** Fishing requires knowledge of different fishing techniques, equipment, and strategies. Understanding the behaviour of fish, bait selection, and casting techniques are all part of the sport. Developing and honing these skills can be challenging and rewarding.
2. **Relaxation and Recreation:** Fishing provides an opportunity to connect with nature and find relaxation. It allows individuals to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life, enjoy peaceful surroundings, and appreciate the beauty of natural water bodies.
3. **Physical and Mental Well-being:** Fishing involves various physical activities such as casting, reeling, and manoeuvring the fishing rod, which can improve hand-eye coordination and motor skills. Spending time outdoors in a natural environment can also have positive effects on mental health, reducing stress and promoting overall well-being.
4. **Competition:** Fishing can be enjoyed as a competitive sport, with tournaments held locally, nationally, and internationally. Competitive fishing events often involve catching the largest or most fish within a specific time frame, with participants vying for prizes, recognition, and personal satisfaction.
5. **Conservation and Environmental Awareness:** : Fishing as a sport often promotes conservation and environmental awareness. Anglers are often concerned with the health and preservation of fish populations and their habitats. Many fishing organizations advocate for sustainable fishing practices, catch-and-release techniques, and the protection of fish species and their ecosystems.
6. **Bonding and Socializing:** Fishing can be a social activity that brings friends, family, or even strangers together. It provides an opportunity for people to spend quality time together, engage in conversation, and create lasting memories. It also offers a platform to share knowledge, tips, and experiences with fellow anglers.
7. **Variety of Fishing Options:** Fishing can be enjoyed in various settings such as freshwater lakes, rivers, or saltwater coastlines. Different types of fish species can be targeted, each requiring unique techniques and equipment. This variety allows anglers to explore new fishing environments, adapt to different conditions, and broaden their skills.

Overall, fishing as a sport combines elements of skill development, relaxation, competition, conservation, and socialization, making it a popular and fulfilling recreational activity for people of all ages and abilities.”

So the answer is ANSA!

All of the points above make the case for joining any ANSA Club.

Something to really think about and appreciate the benefits and reasons why a fishing club is the way to go, even AI can't be wrong. I implore each one of you to reach out and bring a new member into the ANSA scene and help them enjoy their fishing a bit more, tell 'em, Chat GTP sent you.

Moving on from AI, on the advocacy side of the coin has also been well serviced with ANSA NSW making multiple submissions to all things fishing in NSW.

Every single ANSA NSW member, Club Committee member and State Executive member should be extremely honoured and gratified that a small 0.001% can be pivotal in swaying how the NSW and Federal Governments decide on all of the stakeholder's access to the land, water and resource.

On reviewing the past fishing year it is regrettable but understandable that many of our longstanding NSW clubs have not been able to weather the combination of these unfortunate events. Our affiliated club and membership numbers are currently sitting at 21 and 806 respectively which is a slight improvement on the numbers for the prior year but well short of where we were some 4 or 5 years ago when Branch club numbers hovered at around 40 and membership was around 1200.

This is not a problem unique to NSW as most state branches of ANSA are experiencing similar challenges as are other recreational fishing peak bodies. ANSA National and NSW Branch have concessionally reduced their membership fees over the past 3 years to assist clubs financially but this concession ended last year. The NSW Branch Committee stands ready to do whatever it can to assist clubs over these difficult times.

Fortunately our opportunities to go fishing and the general state of our fisheries have not been unduly affected by these events and by all accounts the fishing tackle, boating and camping trade sectors are experiencing a boom time with so many of us wanting to spend more leisure time outdoors with family and friends enjoying the healthy life style of being at one with nature.

According to the recently released "National Social and Economic Survey of Recreational Fishers" around one in five Australians goes fishing at least once a year. In fact the number of people who go fishing has increased from around 3.4 million in 1999/2000 to 4.2 million over 2020. Australians spend an estimated 28 million days fishing each year and contribute over \$11 billion to the national economy and keep over 100,000 in jobs. NSW and the ACT conjointly spend an estimated 10 million days fishing each year and generate \$4 bill for the national economy and carry 33,000 jobs. From a social licence perspective 61% of all Australians felt recreational fishing was a very acceptable activity and another 8.1% found it moderately acceptable. Only 8.2% felt it was unacceptable and another 12.7% were unsure.

The challenge for ANSA across the nation is to continue on its pathway of rebuilding club and member numbers. There is no quick fix or silver bullet for making this happen but the opportunities are obviously there and we need to think outside the box as to how we react to these opportunities, in particular to generate more appeal to the younger generation of recreational fishers of being part of a club. Also given the social and economic value of recreational fishing to the nation and its member states it is evident that more recognition must be given to the sector by government at all levels and our value properly measured when making policy which impacts directly or indirectly upon recreational fishing. It is up to all of us as individuals to get this message across to all within the broad circle of government.

Of current concern are proposals for offshore wind power generation and gas extraction. In this context it is pleasing that NSW DPI has stocked 67,000 juvenile Mulloway into the Georges River, 36,000 into the Hastings River and 23,000 into Lake Macquarie. We need to see more initiatives such as this to give mother nature a helping hand and likewise to also to improve our access to all waterways with the provision of better boating and fishing infrastructure across the state. With the recent changes to government at a Federal and State level the time is right for recreational fishers and the marine estate and environment to be given a fairer go.

There are also opportunities for ANSA members to get more involved with fish habitat rehabilitation activities with bodies such as Ozfish who are always looking for new partners to jointly undertake rehabilitation projects. This is great way to build on the social licence of recreational fishing and to make a positive and meaningful difference to our marine environment as well as interacting with like minded individuals who could be potential club members. If you want to know more about Ozfish visit the website (info@ozfish.org.au) or get in touch with me direct.

This is why all of us should put our hands up to lead, build our clubs up and try and leave the fishery in a better way than we found it.

Stay safe and stay in touch.



Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales

QLD SPORTFISHERS
Australian National Sportfishing Association QLD



SPORT - CONSERVATION - INTEGRITY

**2023 ANSA National Annual
Report**



It's been another busy and prosperous year for ANSA QLD. As life seems to get more hectic for the majority of our members, it's great to provide an opportunity (and/or excuse) for families and friends to take a step back, enjoy others company in our great outdoors and sometimes even catch a fish or two.

Not only have we re-connected with clubs and re-invigorated several fishing and social events, but we've introduced several new initiatives. These initiatives have included a fantastic online platform for competitions and angling achievements, as well as a brand-new tagging and monitoring program.

Membership

Membership numbers fell by 8% in 2022/23. The majority of this decline in membership came from a reduction in short-term membership and a small decline in general membership.

This downward movement follows two consecutive years of increased membership numbers and as such QLD Sportfishers has no immediate concerns regarding membership retention over the short to medium term.

Events

QLD Sportfishers is proud to support our affiliated clubs through in-kind contributions, liability insurance and awards. Support provided this year included events such as, but not limited to, the North Qld Sportfishing Championships (Hinchinbrook SFC), the Tag-a-toga (Kingaroy SFC) and the Barcoo club's community fishing day.

In October 2022, QLD Sportfishers, with assistance from our hosts the Kingaroy Sportfishing club, held our annual Sportfishing Festival. The Boondooma Sportfishing Festival saw over 60 anglers attend the fishing and social activities. During the awards dinner annual champion anglers were presented with their awards, while Bundaberg SFC once again took out champion club.

In May 2022, the QLD Sportfishers Statewide Species Challenge was held. Congratulations to our winners, the Bundaberg club was well represented during the event and were rewarded by taking out the winning club award for the 3rd year running.

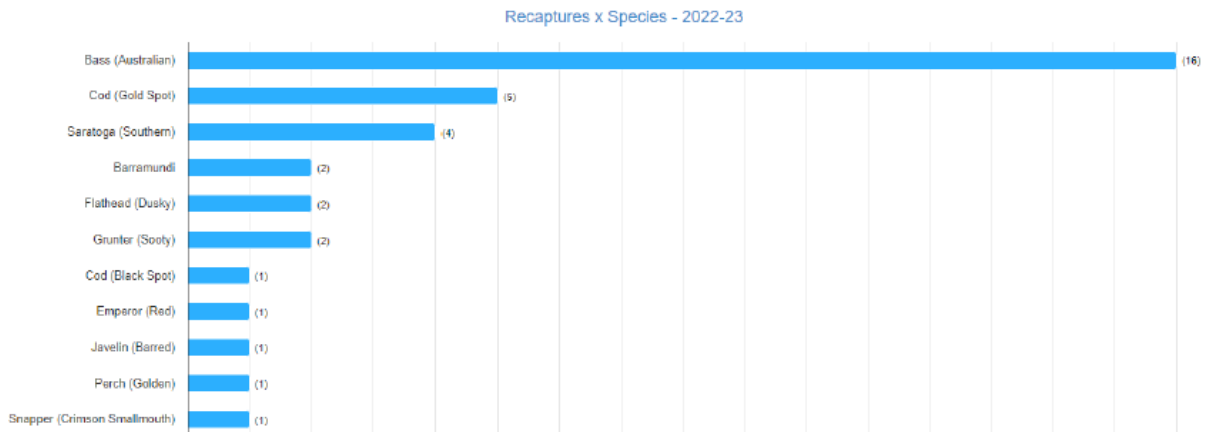
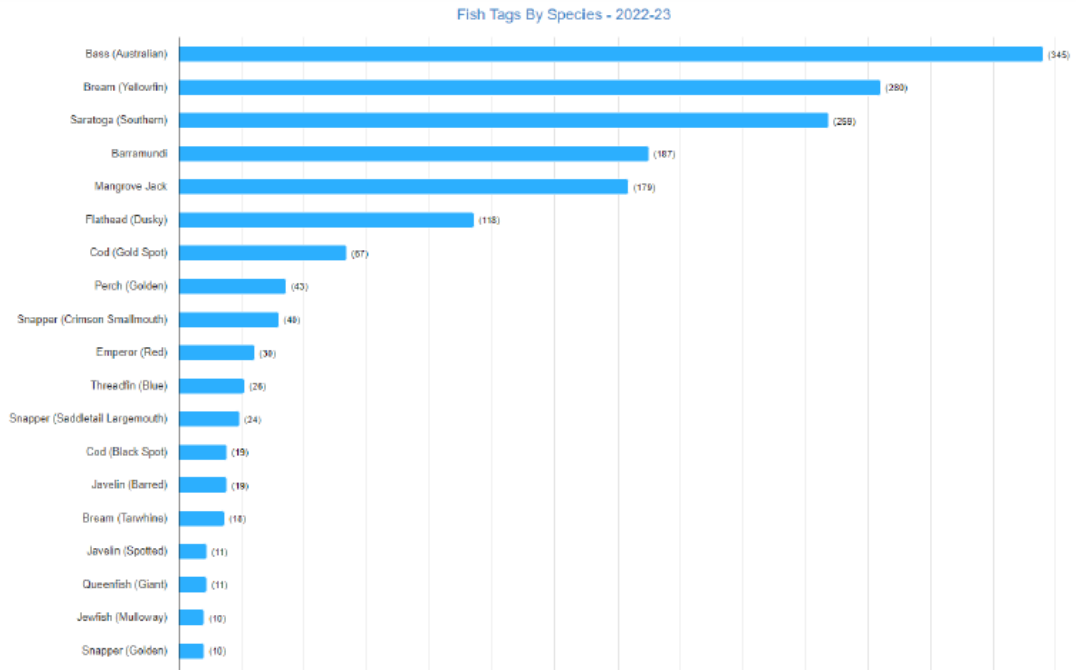
Sunshine Coast SFC hosting our Southern Qld Interclub event earlier this year. The event was well supported and has quickly become a fixture on the fishing calendar. We've already received interest in hosting the 2023 interclub so 2024 is also shaping up to be another great weekend.

ANSA Qld Flyfishers

In 2022, following our annual AGM meeting at Boondooma Dam, a small group got together to form the ANSA QLD FLYFISHERS interest group. This group was set up on messenger and throughout the year our little group has now grown to 12. Members coming from ANSA Clubs across Qld. From this group we have run monthly competitions to challenge each other in the fine art of flyfishing, tying fly's and general chatter as to the different species we chase. From FNQ to the SE of Qld, freshwater, estuary to blue water. Resulting in some great captures, from the beginners to the more proficient members. Each month the winner of the previous challenge gets the choice for the next challenge.

Tagging Report

We had a great year tagging from all the clubs and tags have been put in far and wide. From the data gathered through the ANSA QLD website we have tagged 1694 fish from all parts of the state spread across 32 species which is a great effort and will give us in the next few years some great data on fish movements and growth rates. We have had 45 recaptures reported this year with some of those fish have traveled some distance from their initial capture point. One bass was recaptured nearly 27 kms away after 142 days out. The price of tags has risen dramatically over the last couple years with the spear/dart tags nearly \$2 per tag so thankfully our grant submission was successful.



Annual Recorders Report

Another season has passed with the 4 divisions of the **ALL TACKLE LENGTH ONLY DIVISIONS**, Sportfishing, Lure casting, Fly and Landbased. This season has seen **101** new Record claims from the various clubs, No Line Class Records were submitted for the season. With the inclusion of our Special Fly fishing group this year seen the most records come in from the Fly Division, Congratulation to those who chucked a bit of fur and feather around

| DIVISION | SENIOR | JUNIOR |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| All TACKLE LENGTH ONLY | 16 | 8 |
| LURE CASTING | 19 | 5 |
| FLYCASTING | 37 | 2 |
| LANDBASED | 12 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 84 | 17 |
| | NATIONAL CLAIMS | |
| | 12 | |

Then there is the SPECIES MASTERS which Qld submitted 6 to National.

I hope this provides an insight into the year that we have had, it has been a massive effort from Adam and the executive as well as the clubs themselves. The task of taking over as president is certainly made easier with this momentum however also a little daunting as I know how much work it has taken. I'm keen to meet my other state counterparts, as I'm sure we can learn off each other, feel free to call me anytime on the number below. Until then, Fish on!



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Shaun Manthey
President
QLD Sportfishers
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25/10/2023

Junior ALL TACKLE LENGTH ONLY Record winners



Ryan McColl with his Fly Capture
Tarpon - Maryborough



Eli Jarick Grassy Emperor on Lure
- Bundaberg SFC



Hudson Schiffke with a Landbased
Catfish - Bundaberg SFC



Nate Ihle ATLO Giant Trevally -
Cardwell SFC

SENIOR ALLTACKLE LENGTH ONLY RECORDS



ATLO Rebeca O'Connor with a 420 Sicklefish - Bundaberg SFC



ATLO LURE
Michael Trust 830 Snapper -
Sunshine Coast SFC



ATLO LANDBASED Nelson Philip Australian Bass of 550 mm - Bundaberg SFC



ATLO FLY Kai Smith with a Jungle Perch -
NQ Flyfishers club



Congrats to young Isaac McUtchen from the Bundaberg SFC for his great year and obtaining both State and National Records

ANSA South Australia Report

Membership this year has been a little down on the previous year with 202 members (-38 on the previous year) with 54 Juniors included in that figure (-16 on the previous year). We managed to have a new club, Country & Coast Anglers Association come on board but sadly we lost 2 clubs (Adrenaline Fishing Club and South Australian Sportfishing Association). I believe that the late Knut Gassmanis was holding SASA together and sadly the club folded not long after his death. We went from 8 associate clubs down to 7 this year. We're hoping for a bit of an uplift next year in our membership.

ANSA SA is an affiliate of South Australia's peak Body Recfish SA which is supported by ANSA members with some holding board positions as directors.

Recfish SA this year has taken over running the Reeling In Junior Ambassador's program and has run two clinics in the past 12 months, one in the Riverland and the other at Hope Valley reservoir, both of which were filled to capacity and were very successful. The Reeling In Juniors program was previously run by Lee Van Soest our ANSA SA president and it was her passion. Sadly, with the decline in her health, she had to pass the program on and Recfish SA was the best candidate.

Recfish SA, in conjunction with Greening Adelaide, (with many ANSA members taking part) organized a swap over program for yabbie nets exchanging the now illegal opera house nets for the new pyramid type. This saw 2000 nets swapped over which a pleasing outcome for all was involved.

It's been a busy year for Recfish SA with board members now sitting on many state government committees and advisory bodies.

You may be aware that we have had a severe decline in our snapper stocks over the past decade to the point that they are now a fully protected species in our gulf waters and on the west coast. The only place we can catch them is the South-East of the state, as science has shown that it is the same breeding stock as the Victorian snapper which seem to be in good numbers.

Canvassing PIRSA, Recfish SA has had the snapper limit for the South-East sector doubled for recreational fishers from one fish to two per day. The rest of the state remains closed for snapper fishing.

A 'snapback' program was presented, and well received by the state government, to get fishers sustainably fishing for snapper again once the closure has ended.

Talks have been held with local councils in the South-East regarding a native fish stocking program in the South-East of the state and talks are progressing well.

Boat ramps and fishing jetties around the state are an ongoing issue due to a lack of maintenance by Infrastructure SA and Recfish SA have been making various recommendations and this is ongoing.

Recreational fishing in South Australia has now been independently assessed as being worth in excess of one billion dollars to the south Australia economy, giving recreational fishers some clout when dealing with state government bodies. Recfish SA is now moving in the right direction and has the ears of many government bodies.

Seventy seven offshore wind turbines have been proposed for the prime fishing, rock lobster and pristine marine life area just off Pt MacDonnell in the South-East of South Australia. This is a potential disaster as the area is home to over 60 species of seabirds, significant amounts of southern bluefin tuna that regularly are 100kg plus, blue whales that migrate in this area due to the abundance of krill and the Southern Hemisphere's biggest rock lobster fishing fleet. Some public consultation has happened and there has been plenty of individuals and groups voicing their concerns including RecFish SA.

A decision hasn't been made whether the project will go ahead yet but for the sake of the pristine environment there we hope that the project will not happen.

Next year we are expecting a few changes on the ANSA SA committee. We have been running with a temporary secretary this year and the President has indicated that they may stand down.

Simon Green
Stand in Secretary
Treasurer
ANSA SA



ANSA-SA RECORDERS REPORT, 2022/2023

South Australia had 5 Record claims accepted into the Record Charts this season with 3 Young Husband Fishing Club records in the Junior "Length Only" division, and 2 Northern Districts Sportfishing Club Senior records. 1 in the "Length Only" division, and 1 in the "All Tackle" division.



Our State Junior fishos are once again excited to be getting into the action at Club events, with Young Husband Fishing Club adding another 3 records.



14 year old Mitch Goldsmith of the Young Husband Fishing Club with a record 670 mm Southern Bluespot Flathead captured out of Kingston.



Simon Green of the Northern Districts Sportfishing Club with a record 880 mm Western Blue Groper that was carefully returned back to the depths using a release weight near Wedge Island.



11 year old Xavier Whitehead of the Young Husband Fishing Club with his record 455 mm Golden Perch that was tagged and released back into the Bundaleer Reservoir.



Another record for Xavier Whitehead with a 425 mm Silver Perch that was released back in the Beetaloo Reservoir.



Simon Green with a record 3.75 Kg. Blue Morwong captured around the Althorpe Islands in "All Tackle" division.



Paul Wolfendale,
ANSA SA Recorder.



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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Once again it is our pleasure to present the SAFTAG Annual report for 2023.

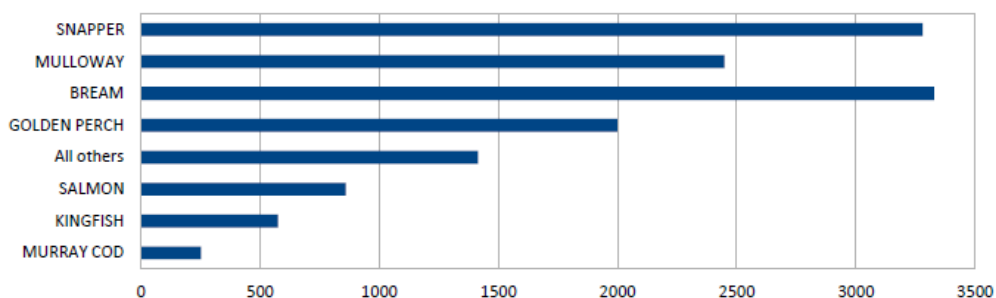
If it is not Covid, It's a flood. Over the last few seasons there always seems to be a contributing factor to less fisher activity in some areas.

With the generational 2022-23 floods, our mighty Murray River has given our state and others upstream a well needed drink, providing difficult fishing conditions which were even at times, against government safety measures to attempt to launch a boat within.

The flip side to these floods is the fresh water with it's high nutrient loads, will provide a well needed marine food source that will enhance fish and many other biological stocks for years to come. This season is expecting to be a bumper, for fishing and SAFTAG due to this ideal conditions.

We did not see many tags go in fish for 2023, with only 503 recorded. Our recapture number of 32 is pretty similar to the last few years, with the one of the most interesting recaptures being a SAFTAG tagged Murray Cod which was detained by NSW DPI, as it was illegally taken and stowed under a boat floor by poachers after a mammoth 413km swim from lock 7 near SA border to Euston, growing 170mm over 1563 days.

With Snapper largely still not accessible with our gulfs and far west coast still closed to Snapper fishing, we have not seen a tag placed for 4 years. Consequently, Snapper's cousin, the Southern Black Bream has now passed Snapper as the most tagged species at SAFTAG with 3327 tagged. Recfish SA Citizen science taggers have been putting the bulk of these tags in, with some exciting recaptures, one of which a Bream had left the Coorong and swam into another micro estuary, 32km away at Victor Harbor. A first for SAFTAG to see a Coorong Black Bream recaptured outside of the Coorong.



| | Tags in all up as of 30/06/2023 | recap amount 2017 | 2017 recaptures for species | recap amount 30/06/2023 | 2023 recaptures for species |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Murray Cod | 252 | 6 | 4.2% | 26 | 10.3% |
| Snapper | 3280 | 260 | 8.0% | 263 | 8.0% |
| Bream | 3327 | 65 | 3.6% | 103 | 3.1% |
| Golden Perch | 1999 | 81 | 5.1% | 101 | 5.1% |
| All Others | 1119 | 31 | 2.5% | 40 | 3.6% |
| Salmon | 860 | 31 | 4.4% | 35 | 4.1% |
| Mulloway | 2449 | 144 | 7.4% | 167 | 6.8% |
| Tuna | 295 | 0 | | 1 | 0.3% |
| Kingfish | 575 | 56 | 11.9% | 66 | 11.8% |
| | 14156 | 575 | 6.0% | 802 | 5.7% |

SAFTAG presented at the “1 million tagged fish forum in Brisbane”, where we received a medal and Certificate for the late Marcel Vandergoot, for the highest number of tagged fish from a SAFTAG tagger.

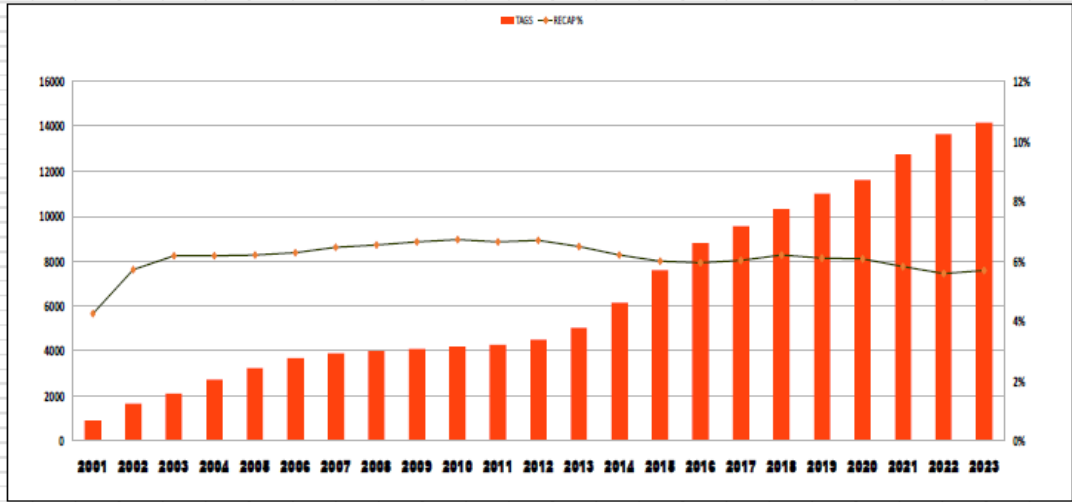
Funding is something SAFTAG is still trying to find to keep it going, hopefully we can be involved in some National or State citizen science projects soon, which will assist in financially backing our great little tagging program. We have also been putting a lot of effort into getting a prized Golden Perch tagged fish comp in the Murray River.

Tight lines

Levi Nash
Mick Wilson

SAFTAG Co-ordinators

| TOTAL TAGS | CHART1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| TAGS | 266 | 917 | 1647 | 2122 | 2736 | 3264 | 3680 | 3894 | 4020 | 4100 | 4200 | 4280 | 4507 | 5029 | 6194 | 7612 | 8800 | 9958 | 10326 | 11010 | 11626 | 12761 | 13693 | 14156 |
| RECAP % | 3.4% | 4.3% | 5.1% | 6.2% | 6.2% | 6.2% | 6.3% | 6.5% | 6.6% | 6.6% | 6.7% | 6.7% | 6.7% | 6.9% | 6.2% | 6.0% | 6.0% | 6.0% | 6.2% | 6.1% | 6% | 5.8% | 5.6% | 5.7% |
| big year | | 691 | 730 | 475 | 614 | 52 | 422 | 214 | 106 | 100 | 100 | 60 | 227 | 521 | 1136 | 1448 | 1188 | 769 | 768 | 684 | 616 | 1135 | 692 | 502 |
| recaps | 9 | 39 | 94 | 131 | 169 | 202 | 231 | 252 | 262 | 272 | 282 | 285 | 302 | 326 | 382 | 457 | 524 | 575 | 642 | 672 | 707 | 742 | 770 | 802 |
| big year | | 35 | 66 | 37 | 38 | 33 | 29 | 21 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 17 | 24 | 56 | 76 | 67 | 51 | 67 | 30 | 35 | 35 | 28 | 32 |



ANSA Tasmania Report

This season on the fishing front has been great for ANSA Tas members.

A late season start for most species has seen the trout and tuna fishing extend well past its normal fishing times.

Trips have been well attended and as always spirits have been high.

By all reports the rivers are looking full and is set to produce an epic trout season.

Our voice in TARfish continues to be heard strongly through the efforts of Andrew Edwards and I would like to express our thanks for his hard work.

ANSA Tasmania is eager to see the results of discussions regarding TARfish and its restructure in 2024.

Tasmania continues to see many changes in our Salt water fisheries management, in particular the discussed restrictions around Striped Trumpeter, Flat head, Cray fish and squid.

ANSA Tas is watching closely and taking on board comments from various sources and fishers to get a balanced view on future management of our fishery.

To my other committee members thank you again for your work throughout the year.

To all members and friends of the club who help us run our trips, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year.

Tom Crawford

ANSA Tas President

ANSA Victoria Report

It is pleasing to finally have a report in a year that went along pretty much uninterrupted for a change, although we still had one Convention cancelled due to floods in October last year, but in general all is well and moving ahead.

It was great to see membership numbers bounce back from a low of 198 last year to (almost) pre-pandemic levels of 270 in 2022/23. This figure also included a number of new members and this year's memberships so far are also looking very encouraging that this number will be exceeded.

This year we had eight conventions on the calendar with the addition of Greensborough Angling Club hosting Gippsland round in May. This was a first time for Greensborough hosting such an event and I think they did a fantastic job, so congratulations to them for their efforts. As mentioned last year a number of Conventions are transitioning away from line class and, while there was some initial resistance, generally support for 'Length Only' Conventions has been quite positive.

Numbers attending Conventions have been steady but over the next year or two we would hope they slowly increase along with the ANSA membership numbers as the clubs are now back to normality.

For the first time in ANSA Victoria history we held a State Presentation Night. Hosted in Geelong, the night was all about recognizing the achievements of our members. Apart from those who excelled in the State Championship for the year, State and National Record and Masters Claims were also presented to very worthy recipients. It was also a great opportunity to honour the efforts the Victorian State Executive members who put in each year and particularly those who have been doing it for a very long time.

We were pleasantly surprised by the response and attendance of members on the night with some travelling more than 4 hours each way to be there. The feedback from those attending was overwhelmingly positive and needless to say this will now be an annual event.

Wayne Zita
Secretary
Vic Branch

ANSA Western Australia Report

This year has been another tough one but things are moving forward with Skip at NBSC moving towards being our next state president with back up from the club.

Interest has also come from Port Hedland and possibly Carnarvon with interest in becoming ANSA clubs, Skip and the boys will follow up with the clubs.

NBSC has been active with record claims but not as many as previous years.

With a total of 18 WA records and 17 National records claimed.

Mia Grasso had the most successful year with 5 claims.

Highlights included Chloe Hornhardt's 102.1kg Blue marlin on 37kg line.

Toby Mason managed a nice Sailfish of 19.49kg on 1kg line.

Max Grasso pitched in with a 17.1kg Whaler Shark on 3kg line.

Congratulations to everyone claiming records and it was awesome to see some junior anglers claiming their first ever records this season.

Westag

This year has seen the program pass the 1 million tagged fish being entered to the data base, I was privileged to attend a special function held in Brisbane for the occasion and we had one of our members from NBSC Mark Cottrell recognised as a frequent tagger for his effort of 3573 fish tagged.

I feel confident in handing over the role of WA president to Skip from NBSC and know that the association will progress in strength with the growth of new clubs and some old clubs rejoining.

This year saw the passing of Stephen Gilders our past state president from whom I took over, greatest respect and admiration for his tireless efforts for the continuance of ANSA WA.

Steve Wiseman
ANSA WA President.